

WSDOT I-5 Seattle & Shoreline Construction

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WSDOT joins with city, county to prevent suicides from Aurora Bridge

We are working with the city of Seattle and King County to [prevent people from committing suicide from the Aurora Bridge](#) on SR 99 in Seattle. As part of our efforts the city of Seattle will install suicide prevention signs and phones that will connect people directly to a crisis hotline before December 1.

This year seven people committed suicide by jumping from the Aurora Bridge, and on average, someone jumps from the bridge every three months. The aftermath of these suicides significantly affects people who live and work beneath the bridge and at recovery sites. Emergency response staff also put themselves at risk attempting to rescue people. While there is no way to prevent every suicide WSDOT is working with a team of experts to consider additional suicide prevention measures, like adding fences to the bridge which will involve [some challenges](#).

Sound Transit building light rail from Tukwila to downtown Seattle

Many of you have wondered what crews are building along I-5 in Seattle and Tukwila. This work is part of Sound Transit's [Central Link Light Rail Project](#). Unlike Sound Transit's direct access ramp projects, WSDOT is not designing or building this project, although much of the work along the freeways is in WSDOT's right-of-way. Sound Transit began light rail construction in late 2003 on the initial 14-mile segment that runs between Tukwila and downtown Seattle. Last month Sound Transit broke ground on a 1.7-mile extension to Sea-Tac Airport. Service is scheduled to begin in 2009.

Upcoming closures that may affect your commute

I-5, Convention Center

WSDOT maintenance crews will [close two lanes on southbound I-5 and the downtown exits](#) between Stewart St. and Madison St. overnight Saturday, Oct. 7th. During the closure crews will repair and replace lights and install cameras under the convention center and freeway park.

I-5, Mercer Street

The Seattle Department of Transportation will [close the right-hand turn onto Fairview at the bottom of the Mercer Street ramp](#) for the second weekend Oct. 6 – Oct. 9. During the closure city of Seattle crews will build rails for their new streetcar across Fairview Ave. Drivers will be directed to a detour route or to alternate exits downtown. This may cause congestion on I-5.

SR 99, Alaskan Way Viaduct

The [American Heart Walk](#) will take place on the Alaskan Way Viaduct from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, October 7. Both decks will be closed to traffic.

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